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In Tune

Do you want to be a tool in my hand? Do you want to be a useful instrument that I can use? Do you want to be in tune and prepared and ready to do all the good works that I have prepared for you to do for me? Yes, I want to be used by you. I want to be a tool and instrument that you can use. Nothing would delight me more than to know that I am fulfilling your purposes and accomplishing your plans. I want to go and do all that you ask of me. How can I be in tune and prepared and ready to do the good works that you have prepared for me to do for you? How can I be an instrument in your hand? **Those are very good questions.**

I will make you ready to serve me. Follow me and I will prepare you. Follow me and I will teach you. Follow me and I will train you. Will you follow me to where I lead you to do all that I ask of you? Yes Lord, I will follow you. **As you follow me what will you also be doing?** I'm not sure what you mean. **As you follow me, what will you be leaving behind?** I will put off my old life and leave it behind as I move forward with you. I will receive your forgiveness and cleansing of all my sin. I will no longer allow myself to become entangled in all the values, patterns and practices of the world. I will allow you to change my heart and transform my mind. I will think your thoughts. I will begin to know and do your will. **Yes, you will. What else?** I will put on the new life that you have given to me live. I will walk in your ways as I follow you. I will go and do your will. **That's right.**

So, answer your own question. How can I be an instrument in your hand? **That's it.** I can be an instrument in your hand as I put off my old life, am renewed in my mind, and put on my new life. Then I will always be in tune and prepared and ready for your use. **Yes, you will.** With your help, this is what I will keep on doing as I love, follow and serve you. **That will be very good.**

Lord, help me to be in tune with you. Remove anything from my life that causes me to be out of tune with you. Make me ready for use as your instrument in the world. Use my life to do good works that bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Amen

Be *An Instrument*

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NIV 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Be *A Special Utensil*

In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

NLT 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Be *Special Utensils*

In a large house there are utensils not only of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for special use, some for ordinary. All who cleanse themselves of the things I have mentioned will become special utensils, dedicated and useful to the owner of the house, ready for every good work.

NRSV 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Be *A Vessel*

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also [utensils] of wood and earthenware, and some for honorable *and* noble [use] and some for menial *and* ignoble [use]. So whoever cleanses himself [from what is ignoble *and* unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences] will [then himself] be a vessel set apart *and* useful for honorable *and* noble purposes, consecrated *and* profitable to the Master, fit *and* ready for any good work.

AMP 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Be *A Vessel*

Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

NASB 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Be *A Vessel*

Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

ESV 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Be *A Vessel*

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

NKJV 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Be *Container*

In a well-furnished kitchen there are not only crystal goblets and silver platters, but waste cans and compost buckets—some containers used to serve fine meals, others to take out the garbage. Become the kind of container God can use to present any and every kind of gift to his guests for their blessing.

MSG 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Be *Like One Of These Dishes*

In a wealthy home there are dishes made of gold and silver as well as some made from wood and clay. The expensive dishes are used for guests, and the cheap ones are used in the kitchen or to put garbage in. If you stay away from sin you will be like one of these dishes made of purest gold—the very best in the house—so that Christ himself can use you for his highest purposes.

TLB 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Be *Used For Special Purposes*

In a large house there are not only things made of gold and silver, but also things made of wood and clay. Some things are used for special purposes, and others are made for ordinary jobs. All who make themselves clean from evil will be used for special purposes. They will be made holy, useful to the Master, ready to do any good work.

NCV 2 Timothy 2:20-21

An Instrument

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Be – 2 Timothy 2:20-21

In Context: *Read 2 Timothy 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, help me to be in tune with you. Remove anything from my life that causes me to be out of tune with you. Make me ready for use as your instrument in the world. Use my life to do good works that bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you keeping your life in tune with the Lord so He can use you as His instrument in the world?

How has the Lord used His word to help you to remain in tune with Him?

When are you setting aside time with the Lord so you can remain in tune with Him?

What has hindered your relationship with the Lord and caused you to be out of tune with Him?

What needs to be removed from your life so that you can be in tune with the Lord?

How has the Lord helped you to be in tune with Him so you will be ready to be used by Him?

How has the Lord used your life as an instrument in the world to bear fruit for Him?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Keep your life in tune with the Lord so He can use you as His instrument in the world.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will use you as His instrument in the world.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has been using you as His instrument in the world.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

An Instrument

2 Timothy 2

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow the Lord to use you as His instrument in the world?

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow you to use me as your instrument in the world?

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to use me as your instrument in the world today?
